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Bomb blast outside Manama wounds Bahraini

MANAMA (R) — A bomb explosion in a Manama suburb wounded a Bahraini man and damaged a car, a government official said on Sunday. The bomb, planted under a car, went off on Friday near the international exhibition centre outside the Bahraini capital Manama. "It has damaged the car and shrapnel from the blast injured a passenger who was in another car," the official told Reuters. Newspapers said the man suffered injuries to his right leg and lost his right thumb. On Thursday a fire in a four-storey building in Bahrain, the Gulf's main financial and banking hub, caused extensive damage and destroyed at least seven new cars. More than 30 people have been killed since sporadic protests, bombings and arson attacks by the island's majority Shiite Muslim community erupted in December 1994 to press for political and economic reforms by the Sunni-led government.



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Civilian wounded in guerrilla attack on Israeli patrol

MARJAYOUN (AP) — Lebanese guerrillas fired rockets and machine guns at an Israeli army patrol in southern Lebanon Sunday, and Israeli-allied militiamen said a woman passing by was wounded in the attack. Hizbollah is fighting to dislodge Israeli forces from the south, said in a statement that its guerrillas opened fire on the patrol near the village of Rihan, 10 kilometres north-west of Marjayoun. The Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia said a woman was wounded in Rihan as guerrilla mortars and rockets crashed into the village. On Saturday, a Lebanese farmer and a shepherd were wounded by Israeli shelling. Hizbollah guerrillas killed two Israeli-allied SLA militiamen on Friday in a roadside bombing, and Israel retaliated with two air raids on suspected Hizbollah bases.

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By Francesca Ciriaci
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Boycotting Brotherhood still part of regime, says Armouti

AMMAN — The Islamists are an integral component of the state and their boycott of tomorrow's elections does not pre-judge their future role in politics and decision-making, the official spokesperson for the elections, Mazen Armouti, said Sunday.

"We still consider them part of the system, the state, and the regime," Dr. Armouti asserted.

"The Islamic Action Front (IAF) and its mother organisation, the Muslim Brotherhood, have always been... a pivotal force for stability and moderation, as well as a safety valve for the country," Dr. Armouti told an international press conference at the Prime Ministry.

Three months after the crisis that resulted in the Muslim Brotherhood's unprecedented decision to abandon mainstream politics and boycott the polls, the official spokesperson for the elections said dialogue with the Islamists has not stopped.

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"Dialogue with the IAF is going on, and will go on even after the elections, because the Jordanian system has always maintained open channels of communications with all forces of society, even when Parliament was not in session, or when we had no Parliament at all," Dr. Armouti said, referring to the 1967-1989 period.

He stressed that His Majesty King Hussein, HRH Crown Prince Hassan, and Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali, as well as cabinet members have repeatedly and "clearly expressed deep disappointment" at the [Islamists'] boycott decision.

Addressing a public rally on Oct. 1 in the industrial town of Zarqa, King Hussein praised the moderate Muslim Brotherhood for "adopt[ing] honourable stands under very difficult circumstances and ris[ing] to the occasion whenever the country was exposed to danger."

"We also appreciate that the IAF did not go as far as calling on the people to boycott, which is a very positive sign," Dr. Armouti told reporters.



Islamist independent candidate, Mohammed Rif'at, holds the Holy Koran between his supporters during an election campaign rally at Baqa'a, Sunday. Sheikh Rif'at, one of the 32 Islamist candidates who the government says are defying a boycott by the main Islamist party, the Islamic Action Front (Reuters photo)

Iraq turns back three U.S. arms inspectors

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq Sunday sent back three American members of a United Nations team of experts arriving in Iraq to resume arms inspections.

"Iraq today turned away in a polite way three Americans who were with a U.N. arms inspection team at Al Habbaniya Airport arriving from Baghdad," a diplomat in Baghdad said.

"As soon as the plane landed they [Americans] were asked to return back to Bahrain," the diplomat said, adding that the three inspectors went straight back. Habbaniya Airport is about 100 kilometres northwest of Baghdad.

The diplomat said a fourth American inspector being rotated out of Iraq left Sunday.

The office of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) in Baghdad, which is in charge of the arms inspections, had no comment.

The Iraqi leadership said Wednesday it would no longer cooperate with Americans in U.N. inspection teams checking Iraq's compliance with Gulf war resolutions. It said the 10 Americans among 100 U.N. inspectors had a week to leave Iraq.

Iraq's ban on U.S. weapons experts was in response to a resolution adopted by the Security Council last month threatening a ban on travel abroad by Iraqi officials who interfere with the work of U.N. inspectors.

Richard Butler, the head of the U.N. arms inspectors, said after briefing the Security Council Friday that he would order his experts to resume inspections Monday, including the Americans. He had halted the inspections after Iraq announced the ban.

Vice-President Taha Yassin Ramadan said Saturday Iraq would not allow American weapons inspections on its territory until Iraq got clear indications on when the sanctions imposed for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait would be lifted.

The United States has not ruled out military action against Iraq if it did not drop its ban on U.S. inspectors.

Iraq said Sunday the "aggressive" stance of the United States and the U.N. Security Council had pushed it to ban Americans from taking part in U.N. arms inspections.

"The aggressive and unjust American stand toward Iraq as well as that of the Security Council has pushed it to take its current decision," the ruling Baath Party newspaper Al Thawra said in a front-page editorial.

"The U.N. ought to treat Iraq with justice and review its stand toward the suffering of Iraqis," Al Thawra said.

Four Iraqis, protesting against what they called the threatened use of force by the United States, ended a hunger strike outside the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross Sunday.

"They ended their hunger strike today after they delivered a memorandum protesting against... [what they called] American aggression against Iraq," Manuel Bassler, head of the ICRC in Baghdad, told Reuters.

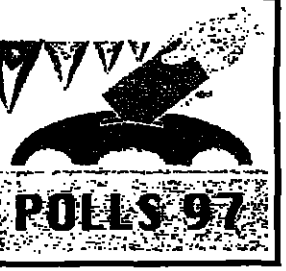
Mr. Bassler said he could do nothing because the ICRC is "a humanitarian... and not political organisation."

The official Al Qadissiya newspaper said: "American oppression against the people of Iraq cannot be halted without a firm Iraqi will supported with strong action."

Several thousand Iraqis demonstrated at the headquarters of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Baghdad Saturday, raising banners and portraits of President Saddam Hussein and shouting anti-American slogans.

They set fire to both the U.S. and Israeli flags in front of the building before they dispersed.

"Iraq is the United States' foe... and that has been frequently announced by American officials," Al Thawra said.



By Amy Henderson
Special to the Jordan Times

First woman to run for Parliament in Ajloun competes against four men from her clan

AIJOUN — Al Rasheed Restaurant in this conservative, sleepy northern town, packs a crowd most mornings, but is certainly still men's exclusive turf. Yet last Saturday, the particular assembly of men gathered here expressed their desire to see, for the first time, a woman representing them in the 13th Parliament.

Ajloun, for the first time in history is fielding its first woman candidate, Nawal Momani from the Momani clan, one of the most dominant in the Ajloun area.

At 43 and a mother of three, Ms. Momani is a retired Army nurse with the rank of major, whose 16 year service included assignments in the Royal Medical Services at King Hussein Medical Centre and the Spinal Cord Injuries Unit at Farah Rehabilitation Centre. In her campaign material, she describes herself as the candidate for women, youth and the silent majority.

Al Rasheed patrons don't represent an aberration in Ajloun's political thinking, says Mohammad Amin Smadi, a waiter in the fast food joint. There are more like them.

"We've had parliaments full of men," says Mr. Smadi. "And they've proven themselves ineffective. People believe that women can discuss the tough issues frankly, they listen to people, they act for a greater good. It's known. Men don't have this capability. Or if they do, they don't use it. I guess."

But words aren't votes, and in spite of the Kingdom's changing social values, the men admit that they "probably" will not cast their votes in support of Ms. Momani, not because she isn't capable, they say, but because they fear "wasting" votes on a candidate that they feel will not gain much support in this traditional governorate, especially when the candidate is a woman vying for a seat among four other male members of her clan.

Their predictions, however, do not spell certain defeat for Ms. Momani, who, claims a source close to the campaign, could gain as many as 1,500 votes. Nor do their forecasts indicate a clear and concise victor among male candidates.

Their predictions also should not be mistaken for political enthusiasm.

Residents of Ajloun appeared generally

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Levy off to U.S., Arafat not optimistic on talks

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — An upbeat Foreign Minister David Levy left Sunday for high-level Israeli-Palestinian talks in the United States as Palestinian President Yasser Arafat said he did not expect any progress at the negotiations.

Mr. Levy, in an interview with the newspaper Yediot Ahronot published Sunday, said he had received a "green light" to discuss the key questions of Jewish settlement and Israeli troop withdrawals from the West Bank at the talks.

"I would not be going to these negotiations without having received the green light allowing me to take very important decisions," said Mr. Levy, who is to meet Palestinian National Authority (PNA) negotiator Mahmoud Abbas Monday in Rosslyn, Virginia.

The Israeli foreign minister said Jewish settlement and a military pullback from the West Bank "were an integral part of the questions which will be raised with the Palestinian negotiators and I have received a mandate to discuss them."

Mr. Levy said he was "confident it will be possible this time to make progress with the active cooperation of the Palestinians. Our negotiating partners will find that we are ready to compromise if they show the required flexibility."

President Arafat, however, said he saw "no chance of success" for the talks to be held over several days in Rosslyn, near Washington, and dismissed Mr. Levy's claims that he had a strong mandate from Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I am not optimistic," President Arafat told the newspaper Maariv. "Levy is going to Washington but he has no decision-making power. He can negotiate as much as he wants but the cabinet has not given him a mandate to propose solutions."

"We received an invitation from [U.S. Secretary of State] Madeleine Albright to negotiate in Washington and our delegation accepted it even if these talks have no chance of success," the Palestinian president said.

Palestinian leader Arafat again rejected an Israeli offer to open immediate talks on thorny "final status" questions such as the status of Jerusalem, the return of refugees and the issue of Palestinian statehood.

"We do not agree on this plan. Israel must first meet its commitments and carry out the second and third military withdrawals from the West Bank," he said.

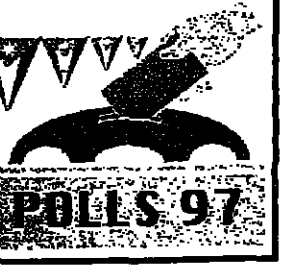
"Only after this can we begin negotiations on a final settlement."

Under the terms of the Israeli-Palestinian accords, Israel should have started pulling out of rural areas of the West Bank in three phases, which were due to have been completed by mid-1998.

Mr. Netanyahu has said, however, that he would not implement the withdrawals, which would hand new West Bank territory over to Palestinian control, unless the PNA steps up a crackdown against Islamists.

At the moment, the PNA only controls the larger towns of the West Bank, or three per cent of the territory, and about 65 per cent of the land area of the Gaza Strip.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said



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Ma'an candidates count on last-minute withdrawals to win tomorrow's elections

the favourites since so many candidates are competing for very little votes leading to splits in the tribes of each town.

"If the situation remains as it is, and if none of the candidates from Wadi Mousa and Shobak withdraw from the elections, the three seats allocated to this district will go to candidates from the city of Ma'an," where the number of voters is more than half of the total number of the district, and tribes are more coherent in their support for their candidates, an observer from Ma'an said Sunday.

In Wadi Mousa, where five candidates are vying for the 6,900 registered votes, two contestants are expected to announce last-minute withdrawals in favour of their kinfolks, observers say.

Nominees in Wadi Mousa are: Ahmad Hasanat, Ghazi Tweissi, Majed Abu Faraj, Oklah Khleifat and Ahmad Alaya.

Observers say it is difficult to predict who would win the majority of votes in Wadi Mousa. They say that at least two contestants of the five have to withdraw from the race if the city is to secure a seat in the 13th Parliament.

Ahmad Hasanat, a former senior Foreign Ministry official, told the Jordan Times on Sunday that he was confident to obtain more than 2,800 votes from his tribe and other supporters, and thus represent Wadi Mousa in the upcoming Parliament. But other candidates claim similar support.

In Shobak, where Abdullah Hababbeh, Mohammad Ghannayeen and Ramadan Rawashdeh are seeking to win the support of 5,815 registered voters, it is unlikely that any of the contestants will capture one of the three seats allocated to Ma'an, according to observers.

Observers, who do not expect any of the three nominees to withdraw from the race, say that Abdullah Hababbeh is unlikely to repeat the success of his cousin Taha Hababbeh who won with 3,137 votes in 1993.

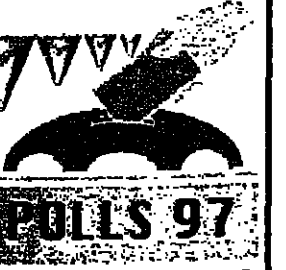
"People in Shobak want to give a different tribe the chance to represent them in Parliament this time," one observer from Shobak told the Jordan Times Sunday.

In Ma'an city, where 14,813 voters are registered, observers believe that candidates who represent strong clans, are front-runners because of the strong tribal affiliations that dominate the scene there.

Ahmad Abu Oklah of the 3,150-vote-strong Al Khat-tab tribe, Hisham Sharari of the same tribe, Nayef Hilalat of the 2,500-vote-strong Al Karasheen tribe, and Walid Awajan of the

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By Tareq Ayyoub
Special to the Jordan Times

Former House Speaker Srour in tough competition with brother for north bedouins' seat

AMMAN — Former Parliament Speaker Sa'ad Hayel Srour is facing a tough competition in the Nov. 4 elections not only from the trib-

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al candidates in the Northern Bedouin constituency but also from his own brother.

Mr. Srour, who campaigns from his headquarters Om Jmal in the northern badia, has to defeat his brother Abdullah, an engineer, to win one of the two seats allocated for this district.

The former minister, who runs for election for the third time, told the Jordan Times that the votes of the Al Masaeed tribe are the major factor that will decide the two winners in the district that extends from Mafrag to the Syrian border.

"In addition to this factor the reputation of the candidate and what he had done to his people here is another factor in deciding who would win," the former speaker said in a telephone interview.

Mr. Srour said that the major issues in his election programme this year are "more educational facilities, health and other services" for this region.

Observers in this constituency say that the nomination of the two Srour brothers might split the votes of their own clan Al Masaeed.

In the 1993 election, Nawaf Qadi from the powerful Bani Khaled clan, won one of the two seats in the district alongside Mr. Srour.

Mr. Qadi died in 1996 and his brother Trad Qadi, who this year did not nominate himself, won the by-elections to replace him that year.

Bani Khaled clan has five candidates "which means that the votes will be split among them, after the clan failed to agree on one candidate," one observer said.

Mr. Srour's Al Masaeed is the second largest clan after Bani Khaled.

The number of the candidates in this constituency stood at 14 after one candidate, Mohammad Salem Otheimat withdrew from the contest on Sunday.

Naji Mahmoud, the official in charge of the North Bedouin constituency at the Ministry of Interior, said that 39,746, or 95 per cent of the eligible voters, in the region collected their voting cards.

Mr. Mahmoud told the Jordan Times that the candidates' programmes mainly "focus on services such as electricity, agriculture, communication, education and other services."

The election official added that the Northern Bedouin constituency covers the districts of Sama Sarhan, Deir Al Kahaf, north badia, Sabha, Rweished near the Iraqi border and Om Jmal. The total population of the region is at 68,914, official figures indicated.

The major clans in this constituency are: Bani Khaled, Masa'eed, Shurafat, Zaid, Sardiya, Al Aissa, Otheimat and Al Sarban.

The candidates list includes: Swailim Shlash Safian, lawyer, Mohammad Sa'oud Qadi, a retired army officer, Fayez Fadel Madi, former employee at the Al al Bayt University in Mafrag, Daifallah Farhan Keiber, tribal leader, Odeh Ahmad Qadi, retired army officer, Zayed Arab Own, tribal leader, Mohammad Awad Bruik, retired teacher, Adoub Falah Al Edein, retired Mafrag municipal employee, Mohammad Khalaf Al Khaldi, farmer, Hmoud Samir Tawabeish, engineer, Sa'ad Hayel Srour, former Parliament speaker, Abdullah Hayel Srour, engineer, and Mohammad Bakheet Orei'er.

Algerian president says terrorism is being defeated

ALGIERS (AFP) — President Liamine Zeroual assured Algerians marking the anniversary Saturday of the beginning of the war of independence that the government was winning its fight against terrorism.

Despite a recent upsurge in attacks blamed on Islamists, Mr. Zeroual insisted the "barbaric terrorism" would be "eradicated" and said the security situation had improved since 1994.

His comments came in an address to the nation for the 43rd anniversary of the start of Algeria's war of independence from France, and came a few hours before he left for a two-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates.

Much of his speech was devoted to the security situation, but he also had time to reject charges from political allies and foes alike that last week's local elections had

been rigged.

"Each time it is suffocated, terrorism steps up its cruelty," Mr. Zeroual said, denouncing the "cruel carnage" of recent weeks that has left some 500 dead.

Three years ago, he said, Algeria "was faced with a large-scale terrorist aggression commanded by elements within the country and abroad."

"Many people abroad were expecting to see the country crumble," he added, but "the determination of the Algerian people stood up to and defeated the barbaric terrorism."

The recent massacres in Rais, Beni Messous and Bentata, near Algiers, are only the latest upsurge in an ugly conflict which has left some 60,000 people dead since 1992 when the government annulled elections, the now-banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to win.

Mr. Zeroual has rejected any talks with the FIS, whose armed wing has observed a ceasefire since Oct. 1 in hopes of a negotiated solution.

President Zeroual said the mobilisation of ordinary civilians in self-defence groups and local security units would accelerate terrorism's final defeat.

The government has armed between 100,000 and 200,000 people in such groups in an effort to tackle the militants, units which complement an army of some 130,000 troops.

"Terrorism will be eradicated in Algeria through all the legal means the republic has at its disposal," the Algerian president added.

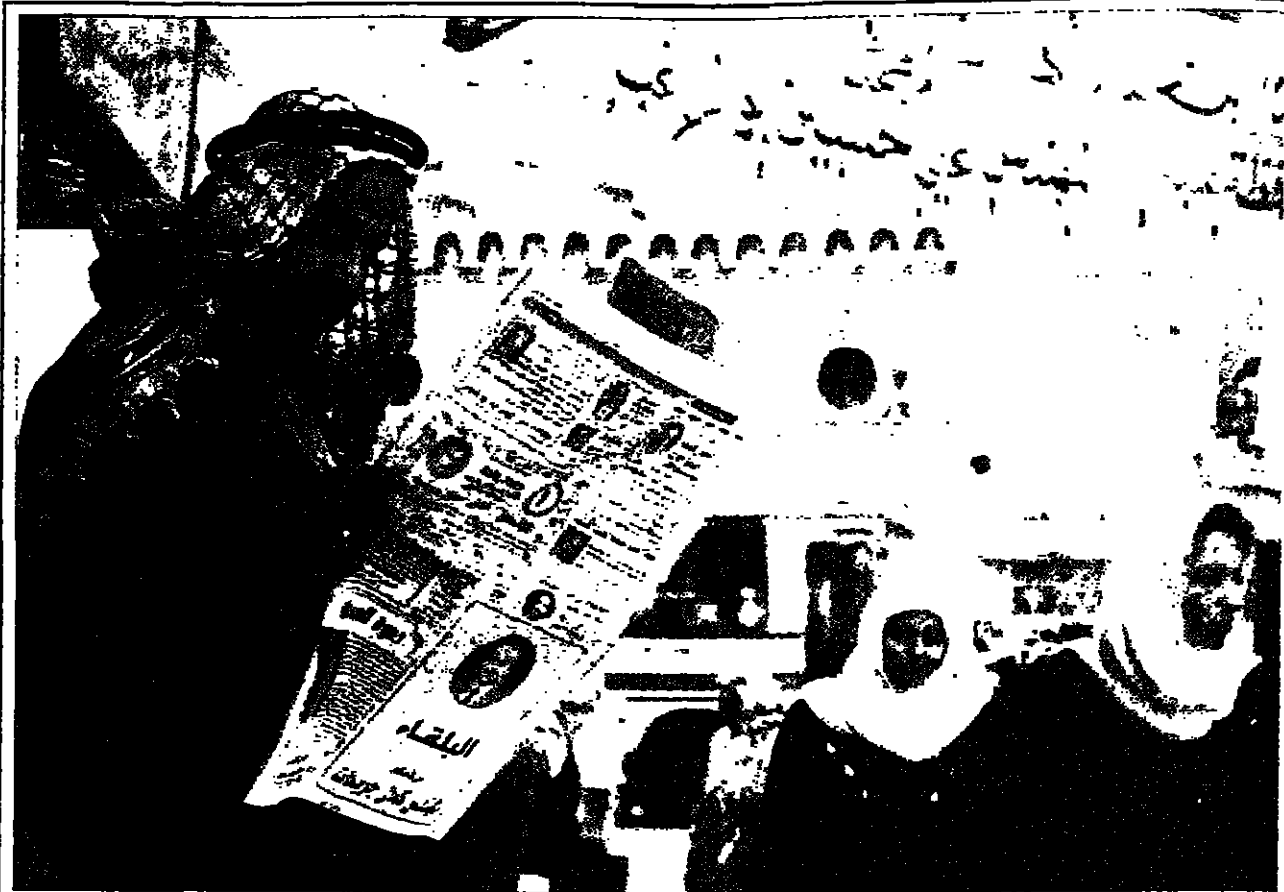
Most observers believe the security forces have gained the upper hand over the extremists, but that the army will face low or medium-level terrorism for some time to come, despite

huge military spending, estimated at around two billion dollars a year for the defence ministry alone.

Many of the remaining militants belong to the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), the most hardcore of the groups fighting the government, whose operations are generally in north-west and northern central Algeria, where whole villages have been regularly and indiscriminately decimated.

Defence Minister General Mohammed Lamari on Wednesday also insisted Algeria had passed from a situation "where the very existence of the nation is threatened" to one where terrorists were reduced to attacking civilians.

Turning to Thursday's major protest march in Algiers, Mr. Zeroual said only that the judiciary should settle dispute over last week's local elections.



ELECTION FEVER: A man wearing the keffaya, a traditional headress, reads a newspaper full of news about the upcoming parliamentary election on Sunday in Amman. Jordanians will vote Tuesday to elect 80 deputies among more than 500 candidates including 17 women (AFP photo)

Al Mashreq, media newspaper, hits newsstands with elections 'special'

AMMAN (J.T.) — Al Mashreq Al Iam, a monthly Arabic newspaper devoted to covering press and media issues in Jordan and the Arab World, appears on newsstands today in a special issue which focuses on the media's handling of the election campaign and on the debate around the amendments introduced in May to the 1993 Press and Publications Law.

The November issue of the newspaper, which is published by the newly-established Arab Media Institute, carries numerous articles by Jordanian, Arab and international writers who have closely observed the campaign and studied the impact of the amendments on the

press and democratisation process in the Kingdom.

Several papers, which were presented at a seminar held late last month on freedom of the press in Jordan are reprinted in Al Mashreq Al Iam (whose publisher co-organised the conference with the London-based Article 19 organisation), along with summaries and analyses of the discussions that took place.

The newspaper is the first of its kind publication in the Arab World. "It aims at not only identifying obstacles that impede press freedom and freedom of expression in this part of the world," its editor Samir Barhoum says. "The newspaper also is the right forum for publishing material

that is collected, researched and analysed by the Institute, which is monitoring development of the media and press freedom in the Arab World."

"Jordanian and Arab journalists have been facing serious challenges in practising their profession," says Mr. Barhoum. "But they are just beginning the long and arduous process of researching and documenting their evolving role in their societies, especially those which have been witnessing democratic change, such as Jordan's," he added. "What we (as Jordanian journalists) are trying to do, through starting such a newspaper as Al Mashreq is to strengthen this process, by talking among ourselves first and then proceeding to understand, and put in proper context, our interaction with all groups in society, including the government which has so far managed to regulate and draw various, sometimes contradictory, frameworks for governing our own work. It is time we took initiative to do that ourselves."

"Although the election campaign has been somewhat dull and parochial this time around," Mr. Barhoum says, "the fact remains that, by holding them, Jordan intends to pursue its democratic course."

"This is where and when a free and fair press, and the media in general, can play an active role in strengthening democratic practices," he continues. "What we have done in Al Mashreq this time is tell the story of the elections with the media as indeed it is, despite the fact that the amendments to the Press and Publications Law might have been aimed at restricting us from doing just that."

Tofaili bans government officials from Baalbek

BAALBEK (AFP) — The leader of Hizbollah on Sunday banned Lebanese government officials from the Baalbek region and men under his command turned back a legislator trying to reach the area.

Sheikh Sobhi Tofaili, the former leader of the Iranian-backed Hizbollah who started a civil disobedience movement in May called the Revolt of the Hungry, said government ministers, MPs, and top officials will be banned from

Baalbek until the movement's demands for more social benefits are met.

He also announced street protests for Dec. 14-15.

Lebanese security sources said supporters of Mr. Tofaili barred officials from entering the eastern area of Baalbek Sunday on his orders.

About 10 unarmed men blocked the convoy of MP Sami Khatib, a former interior minister, at a main road leading to the city in eastern

Lebanon, the security sources said.

Mr. Khatib, who was blocked near Riyak, 18 kilometres from Baalbek, was forced to turn back, they said.

Two other deputies, Mohammad Ali Al Mais and Antoine Hitti, were also stopped at checkpoints, but managed to cross them and reach Baalbek.

The driver of Mr. Al Mais told Agence France Presse that "one of the four men raised a

gun against us, but did not shoot. We immediately drove off and speedily reached Baalbek."

Mr. Tofaili has called his Revolt of the Hungry a protest against "corruption and nepotism" within the government and public services, saying poorer parts of Lebanon, mainly in eastern Lebanon, do not receive their fair share of funds.

He has called on Lebanese people to stop paying tele-

phone and electricity bills and taxes and to build homes without permits.

Mr. Tofaili was a founding member in 1982 of Hizbollah, an Iranian-backed social organisation whose military wing is fighting a guerrilla war to evict Israeli troops from Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon.

While Mr. Tofaili has not held an official post in Hizbollah since 1992, he is still popular among the rank.

Iraq has stockpiled VX nerve gas agent, the Observer reports

LONDON (R) — Iraq has secret stocks of a nerve gas that in minute quantities could kill millions of people, Britain's Observer newspaper quoted U.N. weapons inspectors as saying.

A report in the Sunday newspaper quoted them as saying they were on the verge of uncovering the VX liquid nerve gas agent when President Saddam Hussein ordered the American members of the inspection team to leave the country.

"I think we were getting hot and maybe that's part of the reason why they took this decision in the last couple of days," U.N. chief weapons inspector Richard Butler was quoted as saying. "I think we are getting closer and closer."

VX is 10 times more lethal than the nerve gas sarin, causing death by

paralysis. The Observer said the Iraqis told the inspectors that they had only an experimental programme producing a few kilograms of VX.

It said the inspectors had in fact discovered that Iraq ordered 750 tonnes of the chemical precursor required to make VX and doubted Iraq's claim that most of the stock had been destroyed in allied bombing raids during the 1991 Gulf war.

"One of the nasty things about VX is that because it's liquid, it is more efficient," Tim Trevan, a former adviser to the Chairman of the U.N. Special Commission for Iraq, told the Observer.

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Queen honours winners of children's creative programme

AMMAN (J.T.) — Ninety-six children who won the 1997 Children's Creative Production Competition, organised by Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation in cooperation with Nour Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), received prizes Sunday from Her Majesty Queen Noor at the Royal Cultural Centre, according to a press release Sunday.

The competition featured the work of 1,500 children, between the ages of six and 16, in the fields of poetry, literature, drama, drawing, handicrafts, and photography. Queen Noor, who is the annual patron of the competition, praised the children's innovative creations and emphasised the importance of expanding the support and participation of the private sector in national children's projects, according to the statement.

In his speech, Senator Abdul Majeed Shoman said this "ninth annual competition aims to uncover the creative talents of children, develop their national and patriotic civic sense, improve their Arabic language skills, and enhance their community service spirit," the announcement continued.

Sima Bahous, a representative from the NHF, emphasised the importance of the Arab Convention on the Rights of the Child and the ongoing preparations



Her Majesty Queen Noor Sunday awards a prize to a high achiever in the 1997 Children's Creative Production Competition, an annual event that includes works in several artistic fields (Petra photo)

for the Children's Act, both of which have "highlighted the vital role of creative self-expression in child development," the press release read.

UNICEF representative Ayman Abu Laban noted that the "seeds of creativity, whether in science, literature, or art, do not grow and develop except in an environment that recognises their presence, fulfills their needs, and nurtures them with care." Leila Ibrahim Salamah, who gave a speech on behalf of the winners, said this com-

petition brought together children "from all the Kingdoms' governorates to celebrate our creations in different fields," and added that "such a gathering would not have come about without the annual patronage of Queen Noor, who is pioneer of social and human work in Jordan," the statement continued.

The Creative Production Competition was established in 1989 by the Shoman Foundation and the NHF, which were subsequently joined by

UNICEF in 1991. The competition aims to "develop children's patriotism and national belonging, refine their literary skills as well as reveal, encourage and promote their artistic talents and abilities," the announcement read.

Queen Noor was received by Senator Shoman, the Khalid Shoman family, Shoman Foundation General Director Ibrahim Izzeddin, and members of the NHF executive committee, the statement concluded.

Crown Prince calls for strengthening Jordanian-Chinese cultural relations

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Sunday called for further efforts to promote interaction between the Arab and Chinese cultures through institutionalised and effective channels.

At a meeting with visiting Chinese Minister of Culture Lio Chiong, the Crown Prince said the Arab and Chinese cultures have contributed a great deal to world civilisation.

The decision by the Arab Thought Forum to hold its meetings in China next year aims at transcending the bilateral relationship and presenting a more positive and comprehensive image about Arab culture, he said.

At the meeting, the Crown Prince referred to the U.N. celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and said

there is need to prevent discussions at the U.N. from being limited to civil rights at the expense of religious, economic, and political rights.

Mr. Chiong stressed his country's desire to promote Jordanian-Chinese relations and expressed appreciation for Jordan's efforts to establish a just and durable peace in the region.

Mr. Chiong conveyed an invitation to the Crown Prince from the Chinese president to visit China. Prince Hassan accepted the invitation and expressed hope to make the visit soon.

The meeting was also attended by Minister of Culture and Youth Qasem Abu Ein.

During a subsequent meeting with senate speaker Zeid Rifai, Mr. Chiong said China hopes that the two countries will

exchange visits by officials and private sector representatives to discuss ways for further bolstering cultural relations.

Mr. Rifai echoed the Chinese minister's views, calling for promoting bilateral ties.

He thanked China for supporting the drive for the attainment of a comprehensive, just peace in the Middle East and the Arab Nation's just causes, particularly the Palestine question.

Cultural relations, he said, contribute to better understanding between Jordan and China and pave the way for joint economic ventures.

The two sides reviewed a draft executive programme for the implementation of a cultural agreement that covers collaboration in culture, youth, education, and social development.

Several senate members, as well as the Chinese chargé d'affaires, attended the meeting.

Also Sunday, Mr. Chiong held formal talks with his Jordanian counterpart Dr. Abu Ein, stressing that the Chinese government is keen on stimulating national cultural activities with Arab and other friendly nations.

Dr. Abu Ein said Jordan's culture and cultural philosophy are based on Islamic principles and Arab history and patrimony, as Jordan is part of the Arab Nation.

Arab culture, he said, calls for moderation, rejects all forms of violence, and seeks to enhance comprehensive cultural development.

Health professionals set to continue strike; Kurdi issues appeal for workers to desist

AMMAN (J.T.) — While the public sector health professionals Sunday observed their work stoppage for the second consecutive day, Minister of Health and Medical Care Ashraf Kurdi issued an appeal for their return to work, saying that it is their duty to carry out humanitarian services to the public.

The health professionals, who are employed at 22 public hospitals and 650 health centres, said they are determined to observe the strike Monday.

Dr. Kurdi said refusal to offer medical assistance to the sick, the old, and children is a serious and unforgivable crime, and he expressed his appreciation for those doctors, pharmacists, and dentists who have refused to observe the strike and have continued uninterrupted services.

Dr. Kurdi expressed hope that the health professionals would return to work so that the ministry would not have to resort to punitive measures.

The minister's appeal followed His Majesty

King Hussein's statement to Jordan Television Saturday that he disapproved of the strike because it would have negative effects on the public.

Dr. Kurdi said it was not possible to meet the professionals' demand that they receive 60 per cent of a fund comprising fees paid by the public for treatment.

He stated that part of the fund should be used to cover the operational costs at the hospitals.

The health professionals said they had reached an agreement with the minis-

ter stipulating that they would be given 60 per cent of the JD793,000 fund, one of several conditions to stop the strike.

The minister offered them only 36 per cent, which prompted their renewal of the strike, according to the health professionals.

The strikers observed work stoppages Saturday and Sunday to back their demands for better pay and more favourable working conditions.

Majali stresses PSD duty in elections to remain neutral, provide security



AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Sunday called on the Public Security Department (PSD) and police officers to remain neutral during the general elections Tuesday and to treat the public

with due respect.

During a visit to PSD headquarters, where he met with Minister of Interior Nahir Rashid and PSD Director Nasouh Muhieddin, the prime minister said the PSD has a duty to provide security at polling stations, at the centres where votes will be counted, and during the transportation of ballot boxes to ensure the utmost degree of integrity in the elections.

He also urged the PSD to arrange for car parking and traffic control in order to facilitate the arrival of voters to the polling cen-

tres.

Dr. Majali pointed out that negative behaviour is imprinted in the minds of citizens and often overshadows any positive elements.

He added that there are many people who would like to take advantage of any chance to poison the minds of ordinary citizens.

Dr. Majali listened to a briefing on the PSD's measures to ensure that the elections are conducted in a fair and free atmosphere.

Also Sunday, Mr. Rashid met ten ambas-

sadors representing European Union countries to explain the ministry's arrangements to ensure free and fair general elections.

The government has not extended official invitations to international organisations or observers to monitor the Nov. 4 elections, he stated.

The Ministry of Interior will cooperate fully with other ministries and concerned authorities to facilitate the mission of diplomats and journalists covering the event, he said.

Two women murdered for 'honour,' bringing this year's total to 23

By Rana Hussein
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Authorities are questioning a 39-year-old man who last week confessed to murdering his wife in Sweileh for "immoral behaviour," according to official sources.

The victim, Kamleh Hassan, 26, was found dead in her apartment on the morning of Oct. 30 after ingesting poison, according to the coroners who examined the body, an official source said.

Several hours later, the source maintained, the victim's husband, who was not identified by authorities, confessed to murdering his wife "by giving her the poison and asking her to take her own life."

"The husband told police that he had discovered that his wife was having an affair with another man. He asked her to commit suicide and provided her with the deadly poison," the source said.

According to the source,

Ms. Hassan was forced to marry her husband, and they continuously quarrelled with each other.

Meanwhile, in North Shouneh police are questioning a 17-year-old youth, who last week shot and killed his divorced sister for reasons of honour, official sources said.

Aysheh Theifallah, 44, was shot three times in the head in her house in the Karameh area by her brother Jamal, who surrendered to police shortly after the incident.

The source added that

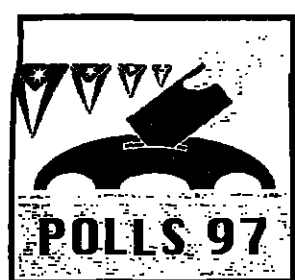
Ms. Theifallah was killed in a crime of honour. He would not elaborate.

Police contacted by the Jordan Times Sunday confirmed that a woman was killed and said they were investigating the incident.

In the month of October, six women were reportedly killed in the Kingdom in "crimes of honour."

The murders of the two women last week bring the total of women killed in honour crimes in the Kingdom this year to 23.

Candidates Faisal, Naffa' urge citizens to elect 'decent' candidates



By Rana Hussein
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Amman Third District candidates Toujan Faisal and Emily Naffa' Saturday urged people to head to the polling stations Tuesday and elect people who would represent their aspirations in Parliament.

"This is not the time to boycott the elections. Instead, you should support at least five clean, decent candidates to reach Parliament to fight for your demands," Ms. Faisal told more than 400 people who gathered at Al Malhas Diwan in Jabal Amman and the adjacent street.

Drawing applause from the crowd with her strongly-worded and controversial speech, Ms. Faisal criticised the government's handling of the elections, which she said was geared towards creating a weak Parliament.

"Voting cards are being



Toujan Faisal (left) and Emily Naffa' speaking Saturday (Photos by Rana Hussein)



However, Ms. Naffa', who has been active in the political arena for the past 42 years, warned that it was impossible for a nation to "have democracy and at the same time have hungry people."

"The gap is widening between the rich and the poor, and I hope that we will not see the day when a wall is built to divide poor neighbourhoods from rich ones," Ms. Naffa', the Jordanian Communist Party candidate, said.

"Without providing decent living for the poor, none of us will escape the hunger revolution that could erupt because of poverty," she added.

Ms. Naffa' pointed out that there are tough challenges and threats to the Kingdom, "especially considering that Israeli Mossad penetrated our country when they attempted to murder Mr. Misha'al."

"My mission, if I reach Parliament, is to serve the people and my country by facing reality and offering alternatives and solutions to help my country from its financial and social problems," Ms. Naffa', who is competing with five other candidates for the Christian seat, said.

Ms. Naffa', who described herself as a "positive opposition candidate," echoed many of Ms. Faisal's criticisms, adding that the lack of democracy before 1989 "caused the spread of corruption that is responsible for most of Jordan's \$6.7 billion debt."

She said that the people, who are not responsible for this debt, are paying for it out of their own pockets.

Although democracy brought back political parties, there are still negative practices that are hindering its progress, such as the one-person, one-vote system and the temporary Press and Publication Law, Ms. Naffa' said.

Ms. Faisal, an outspoken opposition figure who in 1993 became the first woman to reach the 80-seat House, is competing for the Circassian seat with Nayef Moulia, a former ambassador.

She criticised the government for releasing the two Mossad agents who in September attempted to assassinate Hamas Politburo chief Khalid Misha'al.

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Economic reporting course planned for next month

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Press Association, in cooperation with the International Institute of Journalism (IJ), is holding a four-day course in December for the development of the press corps' economic reporting skills.

The motivation for the course is due to a recent visit made by members of the IJ, when they met with senior economic journalists and felt a genuine need to assist in sharpening and upgrading current journalistic skills in gathering and disseminating economic news, according to Suleiman Qudah, editor-in-chief of Al Ra'i newspaper and one of the organisers of

the course.

The instructor of the course will be Professor Myer, a distinguished faculty member in the University of South Germany and a head of an economic department in a leading German newspaper.

"His academic and practical expertise will be of great use," Mr. Qudah said.

Mr. Qudah added that he hopes the skills of all participants will be further developed to benefit both the individuals taking part in the course and the society they work within.

Jordan is the second country in the region, after Lebanon, to hold this type of professional journalism course.

WHAT'S GOING ON

LECTURES

- * "Two Great Women: Kate Chopin and Katherine Mansfield" by Dr. Nicholas Linfield at the British Council, Jabal Amman at 5:00 p.m.
- * "Arabs and the Challenges of the Remaining Years of the Century" by Dr. Sahim Dhahir of Lebanese University, at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman at 6:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- * Exhibition of wicker accessories from Wadi Rayan, handicrafts and gift items at the Jordan Rivers Designs showroom (Tel. 613081), until Nov. 23.
- * Works by Su'ad Ibrahim entitled "The Soul Rest" at Hamourabi Art Gallery, Gardens Street (Tel. 553098), until Nov. 11.
- * Paintings by Patrice Cadennec at the French Cultural Centre, Jabal Amman, until Nov. 26.
- * Graphics exhibition by Abdul Wahab Abdul Mohsen at Baladna Art Gallery, Gardens Street (Tel. 5537598), until Nov. 5.
- * Works by Bahraini artist Sheikh Rashid Al Khalifa at Darat Al Funun, Jabal Weibdeh, until Nov. 15. Also displaying a new collection of works by contemporary Arab artists (Tel. 643251/2).

Clinton attends controversial fundraiser

said he "had nothing to apologise for," defending his fellow Democrats.

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AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. (AFP) — President Bill Clinton drew wealthy donors to a \$500,000 fundraiser at a remote island off the Atlantic coast for the Democratic Party on Sunday.

Clinton, 45, was seen at the event, which was held at the Amelia Island Plantation, a luxury resort. The fundraiser was organized by the Democratic Party's "New Leaders" group, which aims to attract young, wealthy professionals to the party.

Clinton arrived on the island on Saturday night and stayed at the resort. He was seen with several of the donors, including a group of young women. Clinton was seen smiling and talking to the donors.

The fundraiser was held at the Amelia Island Plantation, a luxury resort. The resort is located on Amelia Island, which is a small island off the coast of Florida. The resort is known for its beautiful beaches and its luxurious accommodations.

Clinton's attendance at the fundraiser has been controversial. Some people believe that Clinton is using the fundraiser to raise money for his own political campaign. Others believe that the fundraiser is a legitimate way to raise money for the Democratic Party.

Australians take first steps towards decision on republic

SYDNEY (AFP) — Australians take their first formal steps this week in deciding whether to break centuries-old links with the British crown but there is uncertainty over how many people will bother to vote in the nation's first postal ballot.

"We are in untested waters," said Wayne Burns, national media director for the republican movement, who questions how many people will fill out and return the ballot paper which will pick delegates to a convention on declaring a republic.

About 12 million people will be getting papers to vote for 76 delegates to the Constitutional Convention due to sit in February.

The government has appointed a further 76 delegates to the convention which is to discuss whether Australia should become a republic, which republican model should be proposed to the electorate and the time-frame for any change.

Final approval will require a referendum. "Most voters will be getting the ballot material in the first two weeks of November," said Australian Electoral Commission spokesman Brian Hall.

There are 609 candidates seeking seats on the convention from the eight states and territories, the commission said. About 430 of them were put forward by a total of 80 groups with the rest standing as individuals.

Latest polls in September showed that up to 54 per cent of Australians who were questioned favoured severing the 227-year link between the British crown and this former penal colony, now a country of 18 million.

Voting in Australian federal and state elections is compulsory and non-voters can be fined up to Australian dollars 50 (\$35). But voting in this first national postal ballot — which closes on Dec. 9 — is voluntary.

"We will be going hell for leather for support from next week," said Wayne Burns, national media director for the leading republican movement which has put up 76 candidates.

He said that the ballot papers were long and complicated and in English only and he questioned how many people will fill them out.

"Our challenge will be to get the people to fill in the ballot in the first week after receiving it. If they leave it we fear it will not get filled in," Mr. Burns told AFP.

Also eager to see how the postal-ballot system works are supporters of Australian Monarchy (ACM) whose local branches have been organising meetings around the country.

Gerard Wheeler, a speechwriter for Prime Minister John Howard, spiced the rather dull campaign to the convention with some advice to the ACM.

In a letter written in September and disclosed in newspapers last week, he advised the monarchists to project the campaign as a "battle between the mainstream and the elites."

"This battle should be represented as real Australians' greatest chance ever to vote against all the politicians, journalists, radical university students, welfare rosters (cheats), academics, the arts community and the rich that deep down they've always hated," Mr. Wheeler wrote.

A prime minister's spokesman said that Mr. Wheeler had a long association with the monarchist movement.

"This had nothing to do with our office. The letter was not on prime minister's office letterhead paper and had no imprimatur from the prime minister," the spokesman told AFP.

Mr. Howard, often cast as Australia's most prominent constitutional monarchist, has promised not to stand in the way of a republic if the people want it.

The 76 appointed delegates include politicians and 36 people named by Mr. Howard. The Labour opposition accuses him of stacking the convention with monarchist allies.

Labour Leader Kim Beazley said they included "young fogies" — young people unrepresentative of Australian youth who are usually shown by polls to be overwhelmingly republican.

Mr. Howard's parliamentary secretary responsible for the convention, Nick Minchin, parried by saying a recent poll showed 52 per cent of 18-34 year old backed a republic. 26 per cent were opposed and 22 per cent were undecided.



Prince Harry (centre) greets members of The Spice Girls Emma (left) and Victoria (right) backstage during the 'Two Nations' Concert (Reuters photo)

Prince Harry braves public stage in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Britain's Prince Harry has braved the public stage for the first time since his mother Diana's death two months ago, smiling for the cameras at a South African charity concert given by the Spice Girls pop group.

Prince Charles has included Harry in two official events on his first overseas tour since his ex-wife Diana died in a Paris car crash, but Sunday will be a private day together.

Saturday night Harry looked nervous and shy as screaming teenagers welcomed him and his father to the concert at a vast Johannesburg stadium.

He looked like a miniature of his father, dressed in a dark suit and tie. It highlighted the difference between Charles' rigid royal style and Princess Diana's more modern approach that would often see him in jeans, like any ordinary young boy.

But the 13-year-old, who was to have spent this school holiday with Diana, seemed to cheer up after a private chat with the vivacious all-female band that has become Britain's biggest pop phenomenon since the Beatles.

The Spice Girls sandwiched Harry and Charles between them as they lined up for a photo call.

Emma "Baby" Spice gave Harry a hug and a kiss and their sympathy for the grieving young boy was obvious.

"Hello Harry, we hope you are enjoying the show," one of the singers called up later from the stage.

British royal reporters, having turned their spotlight on Charles and his two sons now that Diana is gone, kept a lookout to see if Diana's brother Earl Spencer, who lives in South Africa, would come to the concert too.

Mr. Spencer laid down a challenge to the royal family at Diana's funeral, saying he would make sure Harry and his brother William, 15, were brought up in the less closeted manner their mother would have wanted.

Harry will tour a rural school near a natural wilderness on South Africa's Indian Ocean coast Monday before disappearing from public view and returning home to school. The press has promised not to hound him.

Prince Charles said last month he was proud of how his sons had coped with the loss of the mother he divorced last year.

"They have been quite remarkable and have handled an extraordinarily difficult time with enormous courage," he said.

Harry flew out with Prince Charles last Wednesday but went on safari with a schoolfriend while his father, juggling his official duties and his new role as a single parent, visited the neighbouring kingdoms of Swaziland and Lesotho.

The tour has been marked by signs that Prince Charles is keen to give the royal family a warmer and less distant image after Queen Elizabeth was criticised for misreading the public grief at Diana's death on Aug. 31.

For the first time in a decade he has chatted to journalists travelling with him, and in speeches has stressed that even tradition has to change with the times.

The Prince of Wales, 48, won praise in Britain for bringing Harry with him to South Africa.

Prince Charles has never visited South Africa before but Queen Elizabeth came here two years ago to welcome the country back into the Commonwealth after apartheid-era isolation.

Mir crew prepare for spacewalk

MOSCOW (R) — The Russian-American crew on the troubled Mir space station prepared Sunday for a spacewalk due to last more than five hours to dismantle a solar panel which will later be replaced with a new one.

A spokesman at mission control at Korolyov, just outside Moscow, said Russians Anatoly Solovoyov and Pavel Vinogradov would step outside Mir at about 0130 GMT Monday while NASA astronaut David Wolf remains inside the space station.

The cosmonauts hope to dismantle an outdated solar panel on the Kvant scientific module. It will then be replaced during another planned spacewalk Thursday.

The aim is to boost energy supplies, which were reduced during a collision with a cargo vehicle in orbit on June 25.

"The new solar panel will help Mir work normally until 1999," Deputy flight Director Viktor Blagov said.

Solar panels are used to soak up power from the sun and provide energy for Mir, which has suffered repeated problems since the collision, its worst accident in 11 years in orbit.

Vinogradov, 43, and Solovoyov, 49, spent several exhausting hours outside Mir last month linking two solar panels to a new computer guidance system.

The orbital laboratory was reduced to minimal functions after the June accident, leaving little spare energy for experiments being run by Russian, U.S. and other international space agencies.

Problems in the last few months have included malfunctions in the main onboard computer, the energy supply and the oxygen supply. The computer has been replaced and repair work has gradually dealt with the other problems.

It will be Vinogradov's third spacewalk and Solovoyov's fourth. Wolf, 41, must wait inside to send a signal to fold up the solar panel before it is taken down and check the panel folds up properly.

The cosmonauts also plan to put a plug in a hatch to prepare to install a vacuum device which will help keep the air in Mir clean.

If they have time, the cosmonauts will also send into space a replica of the first Sputnik satellite launched 40 years ago.

Sri Lankan patrol ambushed, rebel arms ship sunk in separate clashes

COLOMBO (AFP) — Government troops and Tamil Tiger guerrillas clashed several times in northern Sri Lanka Sunday, leaving more than two dozen dead or wounded in firefights and a coastal sea battle, officials said Sunday.

Military officials said the rebels of the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) ambushed an army patrol south of Killinochchi Saturday, leading to a fierce firefight.

They said four soldiers were killed and 12 wounded in the clash.

They quoted LTTE radio intercepts monitored by troops to say that 26 rebels, including four leaders, were killed or wounded.

But the LTTE's London office issued a statement that its forces thwarted the army's attempt to advance into rebel-controlled territory south of Killinochchi, killing three soldiers and losing two of their own rebels.

In a separate incident Sunday, the navy and air force sunk a ship apparently unloading arms for the Tamils off the Mullaitivu coast, government officials said.

They said the unidentified ship was unloading arms to small rebel boats at dawn when naval patrol craft detected it and launched an attack in concert with the air force.

The ship was set ablaze along with some smaller boats, but details of rebels killed or wounded were not available. It was also not known where the ship had come from, they added.

They said naval gunboats also shelled the coastal areas to prevent the guerrillas from sending reinforcements to the battle scene. The ship was still sinking when last reports came in, they added.

The LTTE likes to use the Mullaitivu coast to unload arms shipments from abroad because of its remote access and deep water which makes it easier for the boats to manoeuvre close to shore.

The clashes came as the troops prepared for the "final battle" to secure a strategic northern highway.

The LTTE has been waging a bloody separatist war in the island's Tamil-majority northeast for the past 25 years that has left more than 50,000 people dead.

Little hope to restore contact with Pathfinder

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Scientists have virtually given up on raising the space probe that landed on the red planet on July 4 but fell silent more than a month ago after sending back ground-breaking information on Mars.

Every day, scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California try with decreasing hope to reestablish contact with the Pathfinder, which was last in contact with Earth for 15 minutes on Sept. 27.

On Nov. 4, four months after landing on Mars amidst much hoopla on Earth, scientists plan to abandon intensive efforts to raise the probe and will instead make the efforts only once every week, or perhaps just once a month.

The team has a variety of explanations for the probe's silence that include a burned out battery, cold affecting communications equipment, and a computer problem.

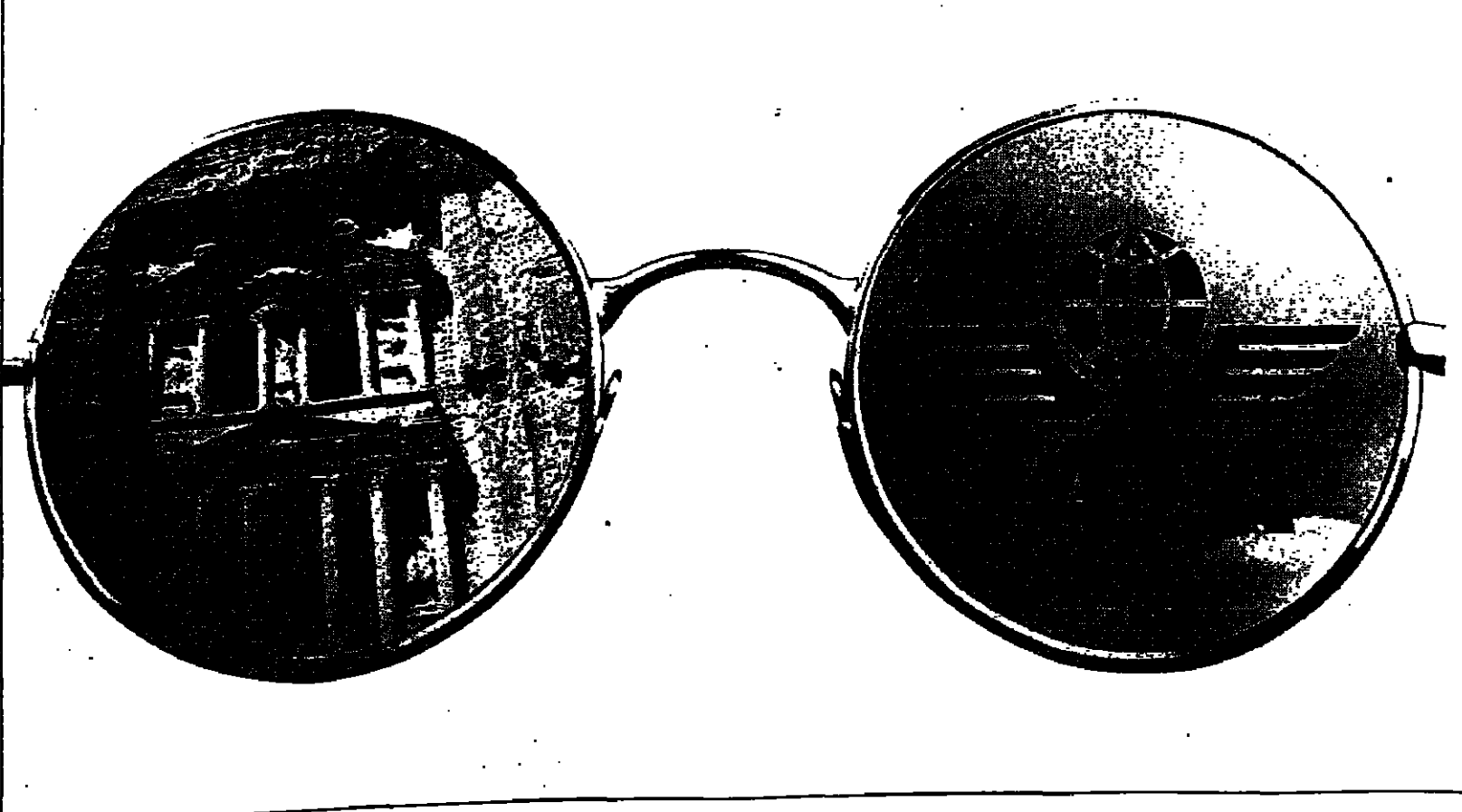
Despite the setback, the probe's scientists maintain that the mission has been a success.

Mars Pathfinder, they say, survived nearly three times longer than the 30 days that had been expected, and the microwave oven-sized Sojourner mobile robot lasted considerably longer than the seven days expected.

Before succumbing, the probe transmitted hundreds of thousands of bits of information about Mars, its atmosphere, weather and winds. It sent back 16,000 photographs that have fascinated scientists.


Sojourner roamed hundreds of meters across the Martian surface, proving that robot technology will be useful for future missions. Most importantly, Sojourner's instruments allowed more than 15 chemical analyses of rocks and powder on the Martian surface.

By providing that information, Pathfinder and Sojourner added substantially to existing knowledge about Mars. They were especially good in providing circumstantial evidence that water might once have flowed on the now-arid planet.



Welcome to Jordan

Royal Jordanian warmly welcomes the participants of the 53rd IATA Annual General Meeting in Amman. May you have a productive and enjoyable stay

ROYAL JORDANIAN  Reflecting the Change.

April 19: You may have a remarkable different country. There's something about it, perhaps even a little bit of it. You'll get it in a minute.

May 20: There could be an interesting surprise waiting for you. You'd better check. You don't want to miss it.

June 21: The two will be together. It's a matter of time. You'll see it. You'll see it. You'll see it.

June 22: In addition to the other things, you should have been told by others. It's a matter of time. You'll see it. You'll see it. You'll see it.

June 23: You're not alone. You're not alone. You're not alone. You're not alone. You're not alone. You're not alone. You're not alone.

September 22: There's a lot of things you can do. You can do it. You can do it. You can do it. You can do it. You can do it. You can do it.

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A review of news from the Arabic press

NAF operations seen unsatisfactory

**** THE AFFILIATION** of the National Aid Fund (NAF) to the Ministry of Social Development hinders the work of NAF and does not provide it with the technical and administrative independence, an official source at the ministry said noting that 50 per cent of NAF's staff are seconded from the ministry.

The source added that in addition to the lack of staff at NAF, those who work there are not enough to carry out the responsibilities they should shoulder. "Studies show that there is a need for 207 of administrative and technical staff or some 50 per cent of the present number of employees," the source indicated.

According to the source, there is a weakness in following up the situations of the beneficiaries who receive monthly aid. "There are thousands of cases that have not been followed up for so many years although there are some cases that require a follow-up every six months," the source said.

The ministry official indicated that 65 per cent of rehabilitation projects funded by NAF are failures and that many families do not meet the conditions to receive recurrent assistance for many reasons such as unreliable and those without credible documents presented to NAF and weak capabilities of researchers. In this regard, the source said, only 19 per cent of those who receive recurrent assistance meet the conditions while 30 per cent of the beneficiaries have not submitted all the required documents. "Thirty five per cent do not meet the conditions and terms at all," the official said.

The source concluded by pointing out that NAF regulations have become old and that loans and recurrent assistance are extended according to the old poverty line. As such, the income set for receiving aid is JD60 for a family whereas the absolute poverty line reaches JD100 and the absolute poverty line for a family of seven members is JD150 (AI Ra'i).

Government spent JD56.5 million on infrastructure during 6 months

**** GOVERNMENT SPENDING** on infrastructure projects during the first half of this year amounted to JD56.62 million which were awarded through various central tenders. Most of the tenders were

concentrated in Amman and Aqaba. Amman's share of the total was JD15.9 million while JD7.47 million were spent in Irbid and JD7.17 in Aqaba (AI Aswaq).

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Major Currencies & Cross Rates									
	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	FRF	ITL	ESP	GRD
US Dollar	1.0000	1.7255	0.5978	1.3987	120.60	1.4059	1691.87	1.9444	5.7742
DE Mark	0.5795	1.0000	0.3460	0.6106	69.98	0.8145	980.23	1.1289	3.3425
GB Sterling	1.6735	2.8890	1.0000	2.3460	200.71	2.3528	2831.34	3.2540	9.6631
CHF Franc	0.7149	1.2328	0.4267	1.0000	86.20	1.0044	1208.74	1.3885	4.1253
JP Yen	0.0083	1.4296	0.4848	1.1588	1.0000	1.1648	14.02	161.09	4.7838
CA Dollar	0.7113	1.2248	0.4238	0.9942	1.16	1.2013	1.3800	1.4018	4.1018
IT Lira	0.0006	1.0193	0.3528	0.0826	1404.69	0.8305	11.49	3.4108	100.00
NL Guilder	0.5143	88.70	0.3070	71.83	61.98	0.7227	869.68	2.9681	100.00
FR Franc	0.1732	0.2987	0.1034	0.24107	20.86	0.2434	33.66	33.6600	100.00

Middle Eastern Currencies									
	USD	JOD	SAR	BAH	QAT	KUW	AED	EGP	SYR
US Dollar	1.0000	0.7080	3.7506	0.3770	3.6405	0.3027	3.6728	1534.00	3.3875
Jordan Dinar	1.4124	1.0000	5.2975	0.5325	5.1419	0.4278	5.1876	2166.87	4.7846
Saudi Riyal	0.2668	0.1888	1.0000	0.1005	0.97	0.8007	0.98	409.00	0.9032
Bahrain Dinar	2.65	1.8780	3.9485	1.0000	9.88	0.8030	9.74	4088.97	8.9854
Qatar Dinar	0.2747	0.1945	1.0302	1.0302	1.01	0.8032	1.01	421.37	0.9305
Kuwait Dinar	3.3032	2.3388	12.3888	1.2453	12.03	1.0000	12.13	5067.05	0.9305
Emirates Dinar	0.2723	0.1928	1.0212	1.0126	0.9912	0.8024	1.01	417.66	0.9223
Lebanese/1000	0.65	0.4615	2.4450	0.2458	2.3732	0.1974	2.3943	1000.00	2.2053
Egyptian	0.2952	0.2090	1.1072	0.1113	1.0747	0.0894	1.0842	452.84	1.0000

Energy		USD	EUR
Brent	20.46	19.05	
WTI	21.07	21.23	
Bonny	20.46	19.05	
Dubai	19.12	18.90	
UL Gas	197.00	198.00	

Mid-East Currencies									
	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	FRF	ITL	ESP	GRD
SA Riyal	0.2668	0.4802	0.15832	0.37319	32.1812				
AE Dirham	0.2723	0.48985	0.1627	0.3811	32.8634				
KW Dinar	3.3032	5.70125	1.97394	4.62321	398.724				
BH Dinar	0.3770	4.57875	1.58504	3.71333	320.205				
CY Pound	1.9619	3.3853	1.1716	2.7441	236.805				

Metal Prices		USD	EUR
Gold (oz's)	311.55	312.05	
Silver (oz's)	4.75	4.77	
Platinum (oz's)	405.3	407.3	
AL (3 Months)	1634	1637	
CU (3 Months)	1997	2002	
Zinc (3 Months)	1261	1268	
Lead (3 Months)	603	605	
NI (3 Months)	6250	6270	

Currency Deposit Rates (Bid)									
	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	FRF	ITL	ESP	GRD
USD	5.57	5.68	5.72	5.78	5.81				
GBP	7.00	7.21	7.37	7.47	7.51				
JPY	0.40	0.46	0.43	0.42	0.38				
DEM	3.51	3.75	3.81	3.69	3.84				
FRF	3.52	3.58	3.68	3.63	3.66				
CHF	1.63	1.87	1.93	1.87	2.13				
ITL	6.66	6.50	6.26	5.92	5.73				

Energy		USD	EUR
Coffee (c/lb)	148	Spot	
Cocoa (\$/ton)	1943	Spot	
Sugar (\$/ton)	304.6	Spot	
Wheat (\$/ton)	140	Spot	
Soya (c/lb)	25.03	Spot	
Tea (kg)	158	Spot	
Barley (\$/bsh)	0	Spot	
Rice (\$/ton)	410	Spot	

JOD Cross Rates									
	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	FRF	ITL	ESP	GRD
US Dollar	0.7080	0.710							
GB Sterling	1.4122	1.4881							
DE Mark	0.4099	0.4119							
CH Franc	0.505	0.5075							
FR Franc	0.1222	0.1228							
JP Yen	0.5871	0.59							
NL Guilder	0.3634	0.3652							
IT Lira	0.4175	0.4197							

Source: Central Bank of Jordan.

Stock market boom and bust dictated by greed alone — report

LONDON (AFP) — Boom and bust stock market fluctuations are simply caused by traders trying to get rich quick rather than complex political and economic pressures, researchers who have created their own "virtual" market have claimed.

The traditional view is that the laws governing markets are virtually impenetrable, driven by a complex interrelation of political and economic influences as well as each trader and forecaster's personal perceptions, New Scientist magazine reported.

But the computer-generated market produced by Guido Caldarelli and colleagues at Manchester University in northern England

suggests a much more straightforward explanation for booms and crashes — greed.

The programme simulates speculators trading with the aim of increasing their own wealth.

Initially, stocks are randomly priced and traders buy at random. Later they buy and sell according to recent price history. After each buying round, the trader with the least capital is wiped out and replaced by a newcomer.

To the amazement of Mr. Caldarelli's team, the resulting pattern of peaks and troughs almost exactly mirrored those found in real life.

One of the team, Yi-

Cheng Zhang, told New Scientist: "The results are quite astonishing, even to us."

"For the pure speculation traders, the price movements show all the familiar bull runs, crashes and mini-crashes. Our ultrasimplified model has all the major characteristics of a real market," he said.

Mike Dicks, who studies the British economy for the investment bank Lehman Brothers, said he would not expect such a simple model to reproduce such fluctuations.

"It's surprising that using only one or two variables, they are able to explain the high frequency changes," he said.

Mr. Caldarelli says the model best simulates volatile and competitive foreign exchange markets.

The computer simulation occasionally threw up a sudden crash, a kind of digital Black Wednesday.

"The crashes arise only as a result of collective trading activity, and there is almost no warning of their coming," said Mr. Caldarelli.

The team now hopes to discover whether a central authority can stabilise the market and avert a crash.

"We can probably demonstrate that a central bank or authority has to exist to ensure a stable market," said Mr. Caldarelli.

Asia seen becoming world's largest auto producer and consumer by 2015

BEIJING (AFP) — Asia will surpass North America and be the world's largest consumer and producer of automobiles by 2015, the managing director of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association has said.

In an address to the 15th World Petroleum Congress, Tsutomu Kagawa estimated that 1.04 billion vehicles would be in use in the

world by 2015 and some 28 per cent of the market would lie in Asia, compared to 19 per cent in 1995.

Production would also rise sharply from 51.6 million units in 1995 to 92.3 million units in 2015.

"Trends in growth show Asia surpassing North America and western Europe as the world's largest motor vehicle manufacturing area," Mr.

Kagawa said.

"By 2015, Asia is expected to account for 36 per cent of world output compared to North America and western Europe at 25 per cent and 19 per cent respectively," he added.

He said both North America and western Europe would register a decline in the consumer share of the market as Asia expanded, with North America falling

from 44 per cent of the market in 1975 to 35 per cent in 1995 and only 28 per cent in 2015.

Mr. Kagawa also said that the growth in motor vehicles would push up fuel consumption to 1.6 times its present value by 2015.

"Any gains in motor vehicle fuel economy will be cancelled out by greater transport volumes," he said.

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ORGANIZED MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR SUNDAY 02/11/1997										
PAST 12 MONTHS HIGH	PAST 12 MONTHS LOW	COMPANY'S NAME	P / E	DIV.	NO. OF SHARES	NO. OF SHARES TRADED	VALUE TRADED JD	OPEN PRICE	CLOSE PRICE	CHANGE
346.000	245.000	ARAB BANK	15.1	2.21	2	60	19730	329.00	329.25	+.25
N 2.340	1.680	JOR. NATIONAL BK.	E	0.00	26	21112	38045	1.82	1.81	-.01
5.800	4.100	CAIRO AMMAN BANK	10.5	2.94	2	8020	40902	5.00	5.10	+.10
3.600	2.760	BANK OF JORDAN	6.2	0.00	3	800	2344	2.95	2.93	-.02
1.190	.890	HID. EAST INV. BK.	70.3	0.00	3	6000	6420	1.07	1.07	-
2.600	2.150	INDUSTRIAL DEV. BK.	10.1	6.23	11	18275	46243	2.54	2.54	-
5.200	4.600	THE HOUSING BK.	15.2	2.83	3	750	3798	5.06	5.07	+.01
4.180	2.400	JOR. NORTH HILLS	11.8	0.00	6	6250	20893	3.33	3.32	-.01
1.050	.740	JOR. GULF BANK	4.7	8.86	4	6150	4859	.80	.79	-.01
4.500	4.430	JOR. ISLAMIC BANK	14.7	3.32	3	500	1802	3.61	3.62	+.01
3.900	3.080	JOR. INV. FID. BK.	24.6	0.00	1	3820	3820	3.85	3.82	-.03
1.900	.880	BEIT AL-HAL (BEITNA)	1.6	16.85	11	1750	1543	.90	.89	-.01
BANK SECTOR TOTALS INDEX: 236.75 CHNG: +0.01 75 70667 190397										
2.020	1.590	JOR. FRENCH INSUR.	5.3	8.02	2	1450	2707	1.87	1.87	-
INSURANCE SECTOR TOTALS INDEX: 116.43 CHNG: 0.00 2 1450 2707										
2.050	1.550	JOR. ELECTRIC PWR.	9.1	5.29	23	23100	43722	1.89	1.89	-
8.450	7.800	JOR. HOTEL TOURISM	11.5	1.38	8	27200	217510	8.00	8.00	-
4.030	1.320	IBSD ELECTRICITY	19.7	3.47	5	2700	8943	3.20	3.20	-
3.200	2.450	HINER MINERAL	16.2	4.88	4	168	353	3.20	3.20	-
4.000	3.000	SHIPPING LINES	14.5	5.22	3	1200	2749	2.55	2.49	-.06
8.900	6.700	ALBA ¹	15.5	5.78	3	246	2131	8.75	8.65	-.10
1.150	.740	ALBA EAST TOWERS	10.1	0.00	14	14100	16139	1.35	1.32	-.03
3.900	2.890	ARAB INTL. INV. EDUC.	9.6	0.00	2	1000	3680	3.70	3.68	-.02
1.950	.640	UNION LAND DEV.	9	0.00	1	100	75	.76	.75	-.01
SERVICE SECTOR TOTALS INDEX: 110.73 CHNG: -0.60 61 67950 295332										
4.450	3.070	JOR. CEMENT FACT.	21.1	3.50	14	13184	41276	3.14	3.14	-
11.160	9.030	JOR. PETROL REFINERY	10.6	8.15	5	1410	15369	10.95	10.90	-.05
3.260	1.330	INDUSTRIAL COMM. ACR.	9	0.00	1	100	136	1.33	1.36	+.03
7.150	5.800	JOR. MORTGAGE HILLS	10.7	7	640	640	565	5.78	5.78	-
4.700	3.040	ARAB PHARM. IND.	10.7	4.71	4	719	3055	4.24	4.25	+.01
7.250	4.600	JOR. CERAMIC IND.	9	4.35	2	3200	14900	4.60	4.60	-
1.750	1.020	JOR. PIPES MANFACT.	14.7	7.150	13	1150	1150	1.13	1.13	-
1.480	1.050	ARAB PETROLEUM	9	0.00	21	19150	26921	1.39	1.40	+.01
3.000	4.300	DAR ALADNA DV. INV.	13.8	4.42	4	1300	7345	5.67	5.65	-.02
6.850	2.220	ARAB ALUM. IND.	10.2	16.15	2	2000	2460	2.46	2.46	-
1.450	.900	LIVERPOOL & BELFUST	10.2	0.00	4	1500	720	.48	.48	-
1.230	.800	ARAB PAPER COMM. TRD.	25.1	0.00	2	1250	1025	.83	.82	-.01
1.770	.610	NATIONAL INSUR.	9	0.00	1	500	285	.56	.57	+.01
1.200	.510	INTERMED. SEC. CHEM.	9	0.00	7	1150	1150	1.13	1.13	-
4.820	4.510	JOR. CHEM. IND.	17.8	4.58	1	1250	5463	4.60	4.37	-.23
2.970	1.420	UNIV. CHEM. IND.	13.0	6.94	2	2000	288	1.43	1.44	+.01
3.000	1.420	NAT. CABLE WIRE, MFAC	31.9	0.00	1	100	159	1.09	1.09	-
1.890	.530	JOR. SULPHO-CHEM	9	0.00	5	1450	1534	.62	.63	+.01
1.670	1.120	ARAB PHARM. CHEM.	16.3	5.47	5	2350	1718	1.28	1.28	-
1.600	.400	KAWNEER INDUST.	10.1	0.00	60	100	60	.60	.60	-
1.880	1.080	UNIV. HCON. IND.	P	.21	4	29850	36427	1.22	1.22	-
1.410	.840	JOR. INDUS. RESOURCES	11.4	11.76	17	6828	5769	.84	.85	+.01
1.500	.630	NATL. CHEM. IND.	14.1	0.00	1	300	150	.50	.51	+.01
1.070	.810	JOR. NAT. CABLE CO.	16.1	0.00	16	17050	14756	.86	.88	+.02
2.090	1.340	EL. & WY. REPAIR WEA	50.7	0.00	5	2030	2929	1.45	1.44	-.01
1.810	.810	JORDAN STEEL	34.4	0.00	8	2028	2028	.76	.76	-
1.840	.570	HID. EAST COMPLEX	7.3	16.95	10	16100	9484	.58	.59	+.01
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR TOTALS INDEX: 115.90 CHNG: -0.66 150 150898 215745										
GRAND TOTAL INDEX: 170.67 CHNG: -0.05 288 290965 704181										
PARALLEL MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR SUNDAY 02/11/1997										
1.650	.300	CENTRAL GEN. STORAGE	9	0.00	5	12600	4032	.32	.32	-
1.810	.380	JOR. TRADE PAC	10.4	0.00	1	780	2050	.39	.39	-
1.590	1.060	ZARA FOR INVESTMENT	80.0	0.00	2	20000	24400	1.22	1.22	-
N 800	.660	UNION INV. 50 ²	9	0.00	5	8750	2450	.78	.78	-
1.600	.570	ARAB FIM INVEST	9	0.00	9	2000	40	1280	.40	-.04
N .950	.720	AL-SHAHQ INV. CO.	P	0.00	1	500	435	.83	.87	+.04
4.000	.200	JOR. INDUS. MATCH-JENCO	9	0.00	4	1750	350	.20	.20	-
+ .840	.370	ARAB INTL. INV. TRD.	39.2	5.00	5	6500	210	.35	.34	-.01
+ .840	.370	NATL. TEXTILE	9	0.00	7	1600	1697	.37	.38	+.02
7.750	.400	NATL. MILIT. GEN. HANTICO	9	0.00	26	43465	18233	.41	.42	+.01
580	.660	INDUSTRIAL PHARM. 75 ¹	2.0	0.00	3	1560	63	.63	.63	-
470	.290	IND. ENG.	9	0.00	1	250	78	.31	.31	-
N 7.760	.460	PARCEL SAN. P. CONV.	8	0.00	1	50	24	.49	.46	-.01
590	.820	NATL. PETROLE	9	0.00	62	620	620	.62	.62	-
N 1.000	.660	NAT. ALUMINUM 75 ¹	9.2	0.00	6	3005	1261	.66	.67	+.01

Bulls recover from season-opening defeat

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English Melbourne Cup hopeful, Harbour Dues, is ridden by jockey Ray Cochrane while his handler Les Simpson gestures during track work at Melbourne's Sandown race course in preparation for the Melbourne Cup. The Melbourne Cup, run on November 4, is Australia's richest horse race (Reuters photo)

Hingis fails to get showjumping licence

GENEVA (AFP) — Switzerland's Martina Hingis might be the undisputed queen of women's tennis but on Saturday she was coming to terms with failure after an unsuccessful attempt to earn her showjumping licence.

The 17-year-old women's World No. 1, a keen horsewoman, failed a regional showjumping test at Messen in the northern Swiss canton of Soleure.

Hingis, who has won the Australian Open, the Wimbledon and the U.S. Open singles crowns this year, earned only 102 points over the three sections of the test, six short of the minimum required to earn her regional licence.

"I didn't expect that," said Hingis, who has lost only four times in singles tennis this year.

Hingis will now have to wait three months before she can re-apply, but she has vowed to fight on. "I'm not going to give up. My pride is hurt, even though riding is only my hobby. It wasn't the horse's fault," she said.

It isn't the first time Hingis has come a cropper on horseback.

Last April she injured knee ligaments in a tumble from her mount and was out of tennis for a month.

Giovanni grabs glory as Barcelona shatter Real Madrid

MADRID (AFP) — Brazilian Giovanni grabbed a late winner as Barcelona stunned bitter rivals Real Madrid with a 3-2 victory at a seething Bernabeu stadium in the Spanish first division on Saturday.

The victory put Barcelona seven points clear of Real at the top of the table and brought to an end the Madrid side's proud unbeaten record at home stretching back 27 games. It was also their first defeat of the season.

Giovanni pounced on a cross from outstanding Portuguese international Luis Figo 11 minutes from time after Real had recovered from being 1-0 and 2-1 down to twice draw level.

Rivaldo, the big-money replacement for last season's goal hero Ronaldo, put Barcelona ahead in the fifth minute.

An error by the Real defence let Figo in down the right and his cross was directed bravely past hesitant home goalkeeper Santiago Canizares by Rivaldo, sliding in at the near post.

It was the first league goal Canizares had conceded in over 700 minutes.

Real controlled the possession without opening up Louis van Gaal's league leaders, whose domestic form has been in stark contrast to their performances in Europe — Barca are bottom of their European Champions' League group, while Real top theirs.

Fernando Hierro came closest to

scoring in the first half for Real when his downward header was cleared off the line by the diminutive Barcelona wingback Sergi after 38 minutes.

Croatian Davor Suker and Jose Amavisca also missed good chances for Jupp Heynckes' side but Barca always carried a threat on the counter and fully deserved their half-time lead.

The second period began in explosive fashion. First 20-year-old striker Raul pounced from close range to fire home a cross from Brazilian Roberto Carlos to make it 1-1.

Barely had the home fans in the stadium finished celebrating before Barcelona restored their lead through former Real player Luis Enrique.

The Spanish international skipped passed two challenges and hammered a right-footed rocket past a static Canizares from 25 yards to provoke a crescendo of boos from the Real supporters.

Barcelona's Dutch 'keeper Rud Hesp then did well to parry cannonball free-kicks from Carlos and Hierro, but he could do nothing about Real's second equaliser on the hour mark.

Argentine Fernando Redondo reached the byline and cut the ball back superbly to Suker, unmarked on the edge of the area. The Croatian international cushioned the ball with one touch before crashing a left-foot-

ed shot into the net to make it 2-2 after 61 minutes.

Yugoslav Predrag Mijatovic later laid the ball on a plate for Suker, but this time the Croatian miscued inexplicably with Hesp stranded.

It was a costly miss. After 79 minutes, following a period of incessant Real attacking, Barcelona broke upfield, with Figo streaking clear down the left.

Giovanni was unmarked in the middle and when the Portuguese slid the ball across, the Brazilian lifted the ball into the roof of the net to silence the home fans again — this time for good.

Former Middlesbrough star Juninho was on target for Atletico Madrid as they moved third with a 3-2 win at Real Betis in Seville.

The Brazilian playmaker struck after 20 minutes, with further goals from Italian international Christian Vieri and Jordi Lardin completing a victory that was easier than the scoreline suggests.

Athletic Bilbao, who travel to Aston Villa in the UEFA Cup on Tuesday, warmed up with an impressive 3-0 win over visiting Tenerife. Ismael Urzaiz, Javi Gonzalez and Inigo Larrazabal were on target.

High-flying Mallorca were held 0-0 at Valladolid in Saturday's other match.

Rampant United go four points clear

LONDON (AFP) — Leaders Manchester United made it 13 goals in two games as they cantered to a 6-1 victory over Sheffield Wednesday at Old Trafford while Arsenal lost their unbeaten record in a 3-0 defeat at Derby in the English Premiership on Saturday.

Andy Cole, Teddy Sheringham and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer each scored twice as United, who demolished Barnsley 7-0 last Saturday, warmed up in style for Wednesday's European Champions' League clash against Feyenoord in Rotterdam.

Alex Ferguson's men now have 28 points, four clear of Arsenal and Blackburn, who drew 1-1 at Barnsley. Leicester are fourth on 22 points after drawing 3-3 with Newcastle at St James' Park.

Elsewhere, Liverpool, for whom Robbie Fowler scored and was sent off, drew 1-1 at Bolton, while Aston Villa lost 2-0 at home to Chelsea. Leeds won 1-0 at Tottenham and Coventry beat Wimbledon 2-1 at Selhurst Park.

Ryan Giggs was a shock omission for United, but after starting slowly, the home side took the lead with virtually their first attack.

Sheringham, recalled to the side, scored with a firm shot from just outside the area after 13 minutes, and Wednesday collapsed.

Cole, a hat-trick hero against Barnsley, got a lucky ricochet off a Wednesday defender that sent the ball spinning through the arms of Wednesday goalkeeper Kevin Pressman to make it 2-0 and then grabbed his second and United's third after 38 minutes.

Within two minutes it was 4-0. Solskjaer netting from 12 yards as the champions ran riot. Sheringham dived in to convert David Beckham's free-kick and make it 5-0 after 63 minutes.

Guy Whittingham scored a consolation goal for Wednesday before Solskjaer completed his brace with a curling 14-yard shot.

Arsenal, without suspended Dutchman Dennis Bergkamp, should have gone ahead after half-an-hour at Pride Park.

Patrick Vieira went down in the penalty area but Ian Wright slammed the resulting penalty against the crossbar.

Gangly Costa Rican Paolo Wanchope made Arsenal pay dearly a minute after the half-time break, shooting through England goalkeeper David Seaman to make it 1-0.

Wanchope grabbed his

second after an error by Nigel Winterburn and then Dean Sturridge chipped Seaman brilliantly to seal the points for Derby and wreck Arsenal's hopes of setting a new unbeaten record in the Premiership.

Barnsley went behind against Blackburn after 30 minutes when Tim Sherwood stabbed home from close range for Rovers, but the home side levelled with a cracking shot from Jovo Bosancic after 79 minutes.

John Barnes was on target from the penalty spot after four minutes at St James' Park against high-flying Leicester. The former Liverpool playmaker made no mistake after Georgian Temur Ketsbaia was brought down by Ian Marshall in the area.

Marshall made amends soon after, heading home the equaliser, and then repeated the feat from Muzzy Izzet's cross to put Leicester 2-1 before Jon Dahl Tomasson made it 2-2 at half-time.

Matt Elliott put the Midlanders' back in front from Steve Guppy's corner after the break only for John Beresford to score late equaliser for Newcastle.

Fowler fired Liverpool ahead at Bolton's Reebok Stadium after just 49 seconds after good work by Norwegian Oyvind Leonhardsen.

But the match turned after Fowler apparently elbowed an opponent to earn a red card in the second half. Bolton took advantage of the extra man, Nathan Blake planting home a header to earn a point.

Mark Hughes netted on his 34th birthday to put Chelsea 1-0 up at Aston Villa after Dwight Yorke had missed a penalty for the home side.

Norwegian Tore Andre Flo made it 2-0 in the second half.



Derby County's Costa Rican striker Paulo Wanchope (R) celebrates after scoring his second goal against Arsenal during their Premiership match. Derby County won the match 3-0 (Reuters photo)

Bayern squander chance to close in on leaders

BONN (AFP) — Bayern Munich wasted a golden opportunity to close on runaway Bundesliga leaders Kaiserslautern when they were held to a 2-2 draw by local rivals 1860 Munich on Saturday night.

Kaiserslautern opened a five-point lead when they drew 2-2 away to European champions Borussia Dortmund on Friday night and Bayern's draw left them still four points in arrears.

Bayern, unbeaten in 12 matches, were slow out of the blocks and conceded a ninth-minute goal to Horst Heldt, the smallest man on the field.

Dieter Hamman equalised in the 35th but Bernhard Winkler restored 1860's lead in the 52nd minute before Mario Basler made it 2-2 90 seconds later.

Bayern finished with 10 men after Sammy Kouffour was sent off in the 68th minute for a foul — a decision that sparked an outburst from Bayern president Franz Beckenbauer.

"To officiate a derby you need to be specially trained," said Beckenbauer.

"Helmut Krug (the referee) was out of his depth and was unable to calm emotions."

Two goals in the first half hour were not enough for Dortmund to keep Kaiserslautern at bay on Friday night when Olaf Marschall bagging a pair of his own to seal a draw and take his season's tally to 13.

Struggling Dortmund's problems were compounded when defensive kingpin Juergen Kohler strained ligaments in a knee. He may need a break of several weeks and will certainly miss next Wednesday's European Champions' League clash against Parma. Striker Heiko Herrlich is also doubtful after suffering concussion.

Hertha Berlin boosted their chances of avoiding relegation with an unlikely 2-0 win away to Werder Bremen — their first away victory of the season.

On the verge of being sacked 12 days ago, Berlin coach Juergen Roever is suddenly back in the driver's seat after an early own-goal by Bremen libero

Bernhard Trares and an 88th-minute header by Michael Preetz helped Hertha extend Bremen's goalless spell to 375 minutes.

Two classic goals by Thomas Hassler helped Karlsruhe to a 3-1 victory over Cologne, who have now settled in for a struggle in the Bundesliga's basement.

In the absence of injured playmaker Krasimir Balakov, Stuttgart were dismal in their 0-0 draw with third-placed Schalke.

Bochum, who fought their way to a 2-2 draw in Rostock and face strong Belgian side FC Brugge Tuesday in the UEFA Cup, extended their disastrous Bundesliga away record to 10 consecutive matches without a win.

In an extraordinary match on Friday night, a 5-4 goal feast in Borussia Moenchengladbach's favour against Duisburg probably saved coach Hannes Bongartz from the chop.

Sampras too good for Bjorkman

PARIS (AFP) — Pete Sampras won his seventh title of the season here Sunday when he beat 12th-seeded Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 in the final at the Paris Indoor Open.

His 2hrs 11mins victory, a dress rehearsal for the Davis Cup final in Gothenburg later this month, means that the 26-year-old American is now virtually sure of matching Jimmy Connors' record of finishing the year on top of the rankings for a fifth consecutive time.

Connors managed the feat from 1974-1978. Sampras is currently in his 197th week as World No. 1.

The American, who has now won 51 tournaments and 10 Grand Slam singles titles since turning pro in 1988, went to a Paris clinic late Saturday for X-rays and tests for a painful right shoulder and upper arm and he needed painkillers before Sunday's final.

But he showed no sign of discomfort as he powered to his 51st victory from 61 matches this season.

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RAMALLAH (AP) — The head of the movement, Ramadan Shalah, addressed the 1,500 students via telephone from Damascus, ordering them to continue on his path of confrontation.

"We are preparing for a holy war in order to defend our land and our religion," he told the students in remarks played over a loudspeaker.

Banners bearing quotes attributed to Shakaki — such as "I will fight Zionism until the last drop of my blood" — filled the Al Najah University campus. A seven-meter — tall poster of the slain leader towered over the crowd.

Mr. Shalah also called on the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) to release Palestinian political prisoners.

Demonstrations were staged elsewhere in the West Bank to call for the release of Palestinian political prisoners by Israel, which is holding about 3,000 such prisoners. One-third of them have never been tried.

In Ramallah, about 200 protesters burned Israeli flags

and a poster of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, chanting, "no peace without the release of prisoners."

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DUBAI (R) — The Clinton administration's top Middle East expert left Saudi Arabia on Sunday after trying to persuade the United States' most influential Gulf ally to abandon opposition to a controversial conference with Israel attending.

A U.S. official in Saudi Arabia said Martin Indyk, assistant secretary of state for Middle Eastern and Near Eastern affairs, left Riyadh after discussions with King Fahd's heir apparent Prince Abdullah.

He headed for the Omani capital Muscat to meet Sultan Qabooos and had previously had discussions in Cairo and Sanaa with the leaders of Egypt and Yemen respectively.

Mr. Indyk, formerly U.S. ambassador to Israel, is rallying Arab capitals to tour the recalcitrant support for the Middle East and North Africa economic conference (MENA), due to begin in Qatar on Nov. 16 with the participation of Israel.

The annual conference, aimed at facilitating Israeli participation in Arab economies, began four years ago as a result of the Oslo accords between Israel and the Palestinians.

Several Arab states have already refused to attend because of what they see as Israel's refusal to honour peace deals signed with the Palestinians.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have said they would not attend MENA, which has already been downgraded from a summit. Several Arab states have privately asked Qatar to cancel or at least postpone the event.

President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, the first Arab state to sign a peace treaty with Israel, said Saturday Israel's failure to honour its peace pledges had rendered the conference meaningless.

"I cannot see any meaning at all to the economic conference because of Israel's lack of respect to what has been agreed to," he said during an official visit to the UAE where he had talks with President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan.

"Egypt believes that achievement of tangible progress in the peace process, be it a halt to settlements building, or even redeployment, would be an encouraging factor for attending the conference," he said.

Mr. Indyk, author of the Clinton administration's "dual containment" policy against Iran and Iraq, was also to visit Qatar, the UAE, Bahrain and Kuwait.

The U.S. Information Service said he would discuss regional and bilateral issues.

The UAE is also linking attendance at the Doha conference with progress in the peace process.

"The position of the UAE is still as it was: if there is real progress, tangible progress in the peace process on all tracks, then it would be possible, otherwise, no way," a UAE official said.

Sheikh Zayed, the Gulf's elder statesman, spoke out over the weekend in a renewed appeal for Arab reconciliation and unity — a message seen by Gulf analysts as a plea to put aside bitter memories of the 1991 Gulf war over Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

"It's time that we closed ranks, seek to forgive and call for compassion among ourselves... and to keep the door open to all Arabs — people and leaders, because there is no way but this way," he said in a message published on the eve of a conference Sunday on the future of the Arab World.

SANAA (AP) — Yemeni security forces have surrounded the area where kidnappers are holding a U.S. hostage and have arrested more than 33 members of the local tribe, a security official said Saturday.

The security forces have detained members of the Bakael tribe to gain leverage in negotiations for the release of engineer Steve Carpenter, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

More than 100 troops in armoured vehicles have encircled the northern Barat area where Mr. Carpenter is believed to be held, the source said.

Mr. Carpenter, 47, whose family lives in Alice, Texas, was working as executive director of a Yemeni firm, Al Hashedi Contracting and Oil services Company, when six gunmen seized him as he walked into the company's offices in downtown Sanaa on Thursday.

The kidnappers, who belong to the Bakael tribe, took Mr. Carpenter to Barat, 160 kilometres north of the capital, the official said.

Tribal sheikhs from Barat have started negotiating for Mr. Carpenter's release, said the source.

Yemeni tribes have frequently kidnapped foreigners to press for money or government financing of projects.

Meanwhile, negotiations are still ongoing for the release of four Russians being held by another tribe, the Hadda.

Sergei Galkin and Igor Zharkov and their wives were abducted Oct. 22 to protest a supreme court verdict sentencing one man to death and three others to prison terms for raping an 11-year-old Hadda boy. The kidnappers had demanded that all four men be executed.

In September, Yemen said it would increase security for tourists in an attempt to prevent kidnappings, which have risen dramatically this year.

At least 30 tourists have been abducted in 1997. All were released unharmed.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — U.S. actor Kirk Douglas is interested in buying property in the renovated Jewish quarter of the Old City of east Jerusalem, the newspaper Yediot Ahronot reported Sunday.

Zvi Khaimovitch, chairman of the Association for the Restoration and Development of the Jewish Quarter, told the paper that Mr. Douglas has already made a number of large donations to an institute for Talmudic (Jewish scriptural) studies in the quarter.

He said the actor now wanted to support a project to expand residential buildings.

The 81-year-old Douglas, who is Jewish, has said in Israeli newspaper interviews that he has been interested for several years in the study of his religion.

The project to develop east Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter was announced last week by Deputy Housing Minister Meir Porush.

It envisages, among other things, the creation of a new gateway to the Old City by piercing through its centuries-old walls. The proposal has provoked protests from archaeologists and architects.

The project, which has a price tag of around \$11 million, will also embrace the construction of extra storeys on residential buildings, the building of two new hotels and the reconstruction of Jewish holy places, Mr. Porush said.

The government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wants to stem the exodus of residents of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, which has been quite noticeable since the intifada, the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation (1987-93).

Israel has occupied east Jerusalem since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The Palestinians are opposed to Jewish settlement activity in east Jerusalem, which they regard as the capital of the Palestinian state they wish to set up.

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RUNNING THE RACE: Hafitha Ma'ayta talks to her supporters during her election campaign at Karak city, Sunday. Tribal candidate Ma'ayta, is one of 17 women standing against 544 men for a seat in the Tuesday Parliamentary elections (Reuters photo)

ABU DHABI (R) — The head of the Arab League said on Sunday that Libya would never extradite two of its citizens to Britain or the United States for trial on charges of bombing a U.S. airliner in 1988.

Esmat Abdul Meguid told a news conference on the sidelines of a symposium on the future of the Arab World that Libya maintained its offer to let the two men stand trial in a neutral country but with Scottish judges.

"Libya would not turn over its citizens because under international law, it is not possible for one country to surrender its citizens to another country unless the two are bound by a mutual extradition agreement," Mr. Abdul Meguid said.

"Britain's insistence that the trial take place in Scotland is rejected," he said.

Britain and the United States say the two Libyans were behind the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, in which 270 people died, many of them Americans.

The United Nations imposed sanctions on Libya in 1992 for refusing to extradite the pair to face trial in Britain or the U.S. Libya says they would not get a fair trial in either country.

Dr. Abdul Meguid said Britain could overcome the legal complications of moving a Scottish court outside its territory by having the U.N. Security Council issue a special resolution setting up such a court.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said last week he was asking U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Abdul-Meguid and his counterpart in the Organisation of African Unity to send teams to see the Scottish legal system in action in the hope of breaking a deadlock preventing the trial.

Dr. Abdul Meguid said he did not intend to take up the invitation.

TEL AVIV (AP) — Russia's foreign minister shouted angrily at his Israeli counterpart, David Levy, during a visit last week, an Israeli newspaper reported.

During Yevgeny Primakov's visit to Israel, he and Mr. Levy tangled over the issue of missile technology that Iran has tried to obtain from Russian companies, the Yediot Ahronot newspaper reported Friday.

At one point, the story said, Russian Foreign Minister Primakov shouted "nonsense" in response to Mr. Levy's expressions of concern over the missile technology issue.

Israel long has warned of alleged Russian-Iranian cooperation in missile technologies. Last month's statement marked the first time Russia acknowledged Iran had attempted to get missile technology.

Last month, Russia's security service acknowledged that Iran has tried to obtain missile technology from Russian companies, but insisted that all such attempts have been thwarted.

Along with the U.S., Israel accuses Iran of sponsoring international terrorism and of attempting to build long-range missiles and nuclear weapons. Iran denies the charges.

Israel fears that Iran's possession of long-range missiles would further destabilize the Middle East, reinforcing the hardliners and Islamists.

In Cairo Friday, ending his Middle East visit, the Russian foreign minister charged that Israel had brought about the impasse in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process by going back on its word.

"It is clear that the present deadlock... is the result of the fact that the Israeli government deviated from the agreements and understandings concluded by its predecessors," Mr. Primakov said.

The statement was unusual in that it put the blame squarely on Israel for the peace process that unraveled after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu took power last year.

Mr. Primakov visited Lebanon, Syria, Israel, the West Bank, Jordan and Egypt. In Cairo, he announced that Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Posuvalyuk would take charge as an envoy to the Middle East.

Russia is officially a co-sponsor of the peace process, which began with the 1991 Madrid conference. But the U.S. has played a far greater role.

ANKARA (AFP) — Escalating tensions between rival NATO-members Turkey and Greece are not strong enough to lead to an armed confrontation, U.S. special envoy for Cyprus Richard Holbrooke said in interviews published Sunday.

"I don't believe there will be fighting between Turkey and Greece. This is not a real crisis," Mr. Holbrooke said in interviews with the liberal Istanbul newspapers *Yeni Yuzyl* and *Sabah*.

Mr. Holbrooke's remarks came at a time of rival mili-

tary manoeuvres by Turkey and Greece in the eastern Mediterranean and remarks by Turkish and Greek and Greek-Cypriot officials accusing each other of provoking a confrontation.

Twenty-four Turkish F-16 and F-4 military aircraft, four frigates, three submarines and other naval ships were taking part in the exercises dubbed *Kararlilik-97* (Determination-97), scheduled to continue in the Mediterranean's international waters until next Saturday.

The Turkish army navy and

air force were also due to begin another manoeuvre dubbed *Torus 2-97* in Turkish-held north Cyprus between Nov. 3 and 5, during which eight Turkish F-16 fighters are to fly to northern Cyprus for the first time in a year.

On Friday, the Greek military said its *Parmention-97* manoeuvres had begun and would run through next Thursday in the Aegean Sea and Mediterranean off Cyprus and in its Evros mainland region near the Turkish frontier.

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's state-run Anatolian news agency said Sunday that nearly 1,000 civilians had fled fighting in northern Iraq and arrived in Turkey. It said that 179 refugees had crossed into Turkey through the Habur border gate with northern Iraq Saturday, bringing the number of such migrants to 951. Clashes between the two main Kurdish factions in northern Iraq broke out last month after a year of Western-brokered peace. A ceasefire announced by the United States collapsed last week.

Anatolian did not say over what period the refugees had arrived in Turkey and did not specify their nationality.

The Turkish Red Crescent was providing the refugees with temporary accommodation and food, it said.

U.N. refugee officials in Ankara were not immediately available for comment.

The agency said that the families had left the Atrush, Muklipi, Balkoz, Simile and Ayasufi camps in northern Iraq, which Turkey says are controlled by guerrillas of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK).

In January the U.N. pulled out of the Atrush camp, which at one time sheltered more than 14,000 refugees, saying PKK rebels had set up there and were blocking aid work.

Turkey says PKK rebels use northern Iraq as a base from which to attack Turkey in their fight for self-rule in the mainly-Kurdish southeast.

Northern Iraq has been the scene of clashes between rival Kurdish factions since the enclave fell outside Baghdad control after the 1991 Gulf war.

A Western air force based in Turkey patrols the enclave to prevent any attacks on the Kurds by Ba'athad.

CAIRO (AFP) — A young Egyptian man fainted on his wedding night when he lifted the veil of his new bride only to discover he had married someone other than his intended, an Egyptian newspaper reported Sunday. The daily Al-Akhbar said that the man, an unidentified professional driver living in the Jiza suburb of Cairo, had intended to marry a young beauty of 18 whom he had met through a friend and with whom he had fallen in love. After asking the woman's parents for her hand, the man bought his fiancée jewellery, rented a love nest, and married his beloved only to find on his wedding night that the marriage veil concealed an unattractive woman of 45.

DUBAI (AFP) — To adapt French cuisine to eastern tastes, a Marseilles chef in Dubai has come up with a new dish: snail kebab. Based on the Provencal Brochette D'Escargot (snail on a skewer), the new dish is presented very like the more familiar, shish kebab. According to chef Raphael Le Manco, the recipe is simple: "A small edible snail, a slice of green pepper, a slice of red pepper, some garlic and some onion, all skewered on a stalk of rosemary."

CAIRO (AFP) — A Egyptian woman gave birth to quadruplets in Cairo and immediately gave each boy one of the four names of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, an Egyptian newspaper reported Sunday. The 27-year-old mother, Samia Ahmad Ibrahim, named her four boys using all four names of the Egyptian president: Barakat, Mohammad, Hosni, and Mubarak. All four boys, born Saturday, are reported to weigh 2.2 kilograms and to be in good health.

LONDON (AFP) — Princess Diana told her hairdressers that Dodi Fayed was "the one" for her, on the day she left Britain for the last time to extract from a new book. "I think this is it! This is the one!" Diana told Tess Rock, 31, and Natalie Symons, 27, the Sunday Mirror tabloid reported in its extract of the women's book, "Our Diana Diaries." Rock and Symons said the Princess of Wales was attracted to the son of Harrod's owner Mohammad Fayed because of his exotic accent and the way he said: "Di-ya, you're so naughty!" Diana also had an affectionate brother-sister relationship with Prince Charles despite the bitter end of their marriage in August 1996, according to the stylists.

LONDON — Clubber's nipple and PVC bottom have been added to the traditional list of alcohol and drug perils surrounding the all-night dance raves favoured by youngsters. A conference on the health dangers posed by clubbing heard that the million or so British young people who go parrying each weekend were just as likely to get hurt by violent bouncers and synthetic clothing than by drinks or designer drugs. PVC bottom — severe staining to the skin caused by tight plastic clothing worn without underwear, and Clubber's nipple — caused by jumping up and down for eight hours in nylon or string vests — were listed on Saturday as some of the common conditions found in British hospital casualty wards after many a

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